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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Like most people in Texas who follow the IT industry, I was pleased to hear that a settlement has been reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. I believe that the PC as we know it can be largely attributed to Microsoft and its products. The great success experienced by Microsoft is well deserved and has become the envy of the IT industry. Because of Microsoft's unprecedented success, it has been an easy target for their many competitors and the federal government.

The settlement shows that Microsoft has been unfairly treated as a business. The federal government should never be party to punishing an American business for being successful, yet, that has been the case from the start in this lawsuit.

I support Microsoft's position in the suit and hope that the proposed settlement becomes a reality as soon as is legally possible. The Department of Justice owes Microsoft and the American people a quick resolution to this lawsuit, and that resolution can come by formalizing the settlement agreement.

Sincerely,

Morris Davis
President